

HOUSE RESOLUTION 99

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rutherford County historian Greg Tucker.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pay special tribute to those laudable historians who, through their resolute actions, unqualified dedication, and exemplary service, preserve the history of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Greg Tucker, who has served the good people of Rutherford County as their historian since his selection in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker is the author of four books filled with local history and lore: *Rutherford Ramblings*, *Rutherford for Real*, *Remembering Rutherford*, and *Rutherford Reflections*; while writing the five dozen stories in these books, he researched the folklore of the remote hills and hollows of rural Rutherford County as well as the memories of first family descendants and local archives; and

WHEREAS, Greg Tucker participates in a weekly discussion of local history on *The Truman Show with Truman Jones* on WGNS Radio and writes a monthly column in the *Murfreesboro Post*; he also speaks frequently to area civic and special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Rutherford County Historical Society, he currently serves on that exemplary organization's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, a Nashville native, Mr. Tucker spent most of his summers as a boy with his grandparents Burney and Robbye Lee Tucker at their home on South Tennessee Boulevard in Murfreesboro; he also has ties to Rutherford County through his father, Burney Tucker, Jr., an architect who designed a number of buildings in the area; and

WHEREAS, Greg Tucker received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University, his Master of Management degree from Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of

Management, and his Juris Doctor degree from the Columbus School of Law, of which he was third in his class; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as the founder and president of Creative Consultant Enterprises, an associate of Covington and Burling law firm in Washington, D.C., and vice president and chief litigation council of Hospital Corporation of America; now retired, he devotes his time as a pro bono legal consultant for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and a homeless advocacy organization; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his community, Greg Tucker has served as a board member of Stones River Hospital, president of the Stones River Regional Antique Automobile Club, chairman of the Rutherford County Metro Study Group, coach and sponsor in the U.S. Boxing Association, and patron of the Discovery Center; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout in his youth, Mr. Tucker was the first and only scout in Middle Tennessee council history to receive the Silver Beaver, Antelope, and Buffalo awards; as an adult, he has served on a number of boards of the Boy Scouts of America and as national advisor council area president; and

WHEREAS, the author of twelve Boy Scouts of America publications, he created the National Health and Safety Committee and established a number of policies and protocols to ensure water safety for all scouts; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Minh-Triet; his children, Kevin, Gigo, and Havan; and his grandson, Shane; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Greg Tucker for his many contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and

commend Rutherford County Historian Greg Tucker and extend to him our best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.